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CROSSBODY BUCKET BAG

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Skill Level: Beginner

SUPPLIES

- ¼ yard each of heavyweight print fabric (exterior) & quilting cotton (lining)
- ¾ yard of mediumweight fusible interfacing (See "Sources.")
- Matching all-purpose thread
- 60" length of 8mm curb chain (See "Sources.")
- Eight 8mm-diameter grommets and setting tools
- Needle-nose pliers
- Removable fabric marker

tip Use metal cording instead of chain for a different bag strap look.

PREPARE

Download the Crossbody Bucket Bag pattern at sewdaily.com/go/SNfreebies until Sept. 30, 2020. Print, and then cut out.

From each of the exterior fabric and interfacing, cut one main panel and one base panel.

From the lining fabric, cut one lining main panel, one base panel and one pocket.

Fuse the interfacing pieces to the corresponding piece wrong side following the manufacturer's instructions.

Transfer all pattern markings.

CONSTRUCT

Use ⅜" seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

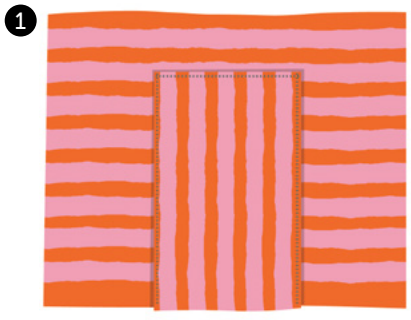
Fold the pocket in half widthwise with right sides together; stitch the long edges. Turn the pocket right side out; press. Designate the pocket folded edge as the upper edge. Topstitch the pocket upper edge using a ⅛" seam allowance. Mark the pocket lengthwise center at the upper and lower edge.

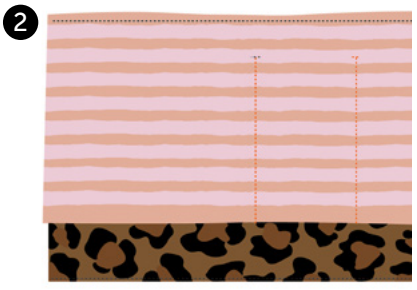
Press the lining main panel in half widthwise with wrong sides together; unfold. Designate one of the long edges as the upper edge. Position the panel right side up on a flat work surface.

Position the pocket right side up over the lining main panel, aligning lower edges and the pocket markings with the panel foldline; pin. Topstitch the pocket sides using a ⅛" seam allowance. For added durability, stitch bar tacks at the pocket upper corners **(1)**.

Designate one exterior main-panel long edge as the upper edge. Position the lining and exterior main-panel upper edges with right sides together; pin. Stitch using a ¼" seam allowance **(2)**.

Press the seam allowances toward





the lining. Understitch the lining ⅛" from the seamline to secure the seam allowances **(3)**.

Fold the main panels in half width-wise with right sides together, aligning the seamlines; pin. Stitch the main-panel long edge, leaving a 4"-long opening along the lining main panel for turning **(4)**. Press the seam allowances open.

Quarter-mark the exterior main panel lower edge, using the seamline as one mark. Quarter-mark the exterior base perimeter **(5)**.

Position the exterior base and exterior main-panel lower edge with right sides together and aligning the quarter marks; pin at each mark. Continue pinning, easing the base perimeter to the main panel edge, making sure there are no tucks or creases along the seamline **(6)**.

Position the base over the machine bed with the main panel facing upward; stitch the base perimeter.

Repeat to stitch the lining base to the lining main-panel lower edge.

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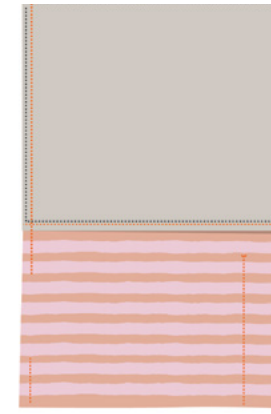

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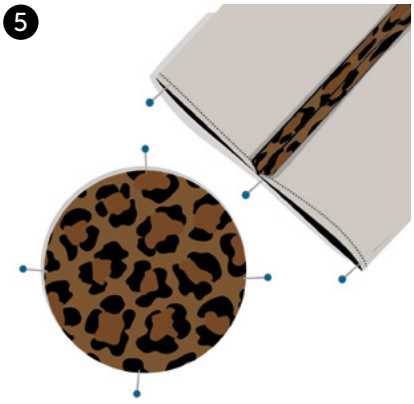

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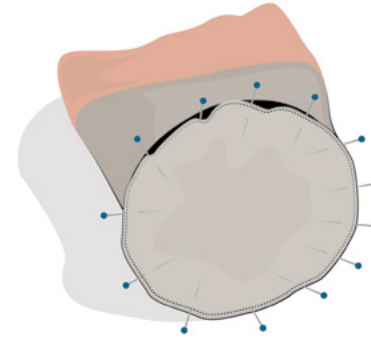

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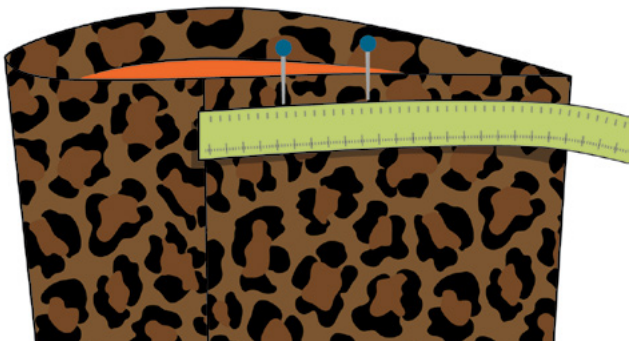

Turn the bag right side out through the lining opening. Insert the lining into the exterior with wrong sides together, folding the exterior upper edge 1" toward the lining side **(7)**. Hand stitch the lining opening closed using a ladder stitch.

To find the bag center front, fold the bag upper edge in half along the back seamline; pin-mark.

Measure and pin-mark 2¼" to either side of the center back along the upper edge. Repeat to pin-mark 4¼" to either side of the center back **(8)**.

Repeat to pin-mark 2¼" and 4¼" from the center front.

Install a grommet at each pin-mark ¾" below the upper edge.

Fold the bag upper edge to align the adjacent grommets. Thread the chain length through all the grommets as pictured. Open one chain link at the end.

Attach the open link to the opposite chain end using pliers. S

SOURCES

Etsy carries 8mm curb chain: etsy.com.

Pellon carries 808 Craft-Fuse interfacing: pellonprojects.com.

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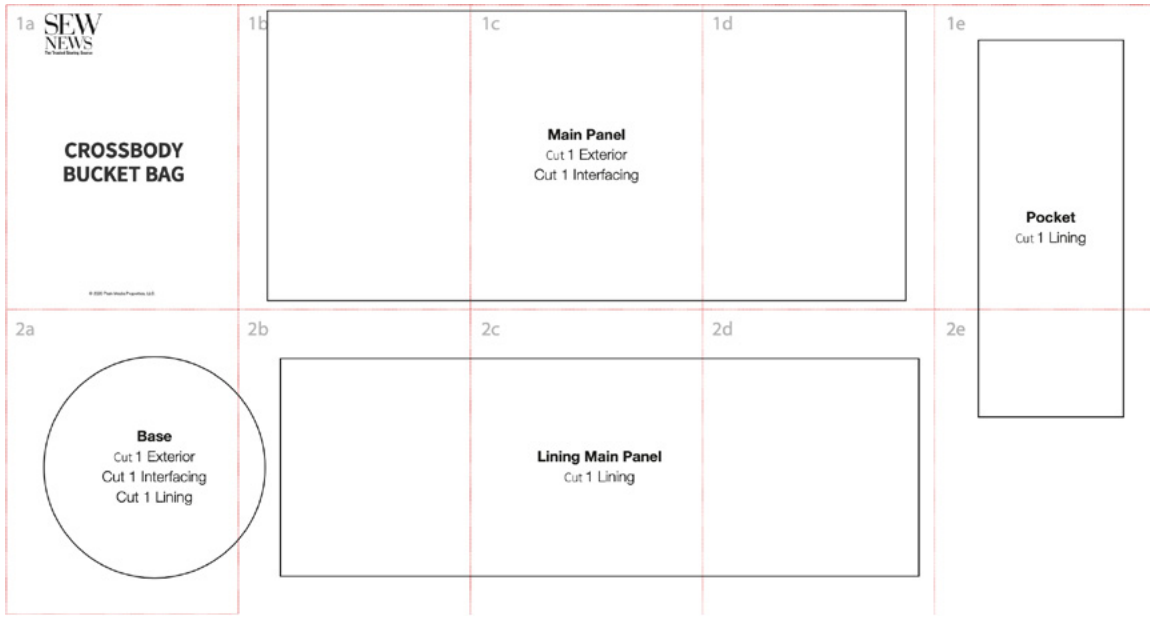

Template overview

1" Test Square

10 pages: 1a–2e

Print this page first at 100%, then measure the 1" test square before printing full pattern.

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1b

1c

Main Panel
Cut 1 Exterior
Cut 1 Interfacing

1d

1e

Pocket
Cut 1 Lining

2a

Base
Cut 1 Exterior
Cut 1 Interfacing
Cut 1 Lining

2b

2c

Lining Main Panel
Cut 1 Lining

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CROSSBODY BUCKET BAG TEMPLATE

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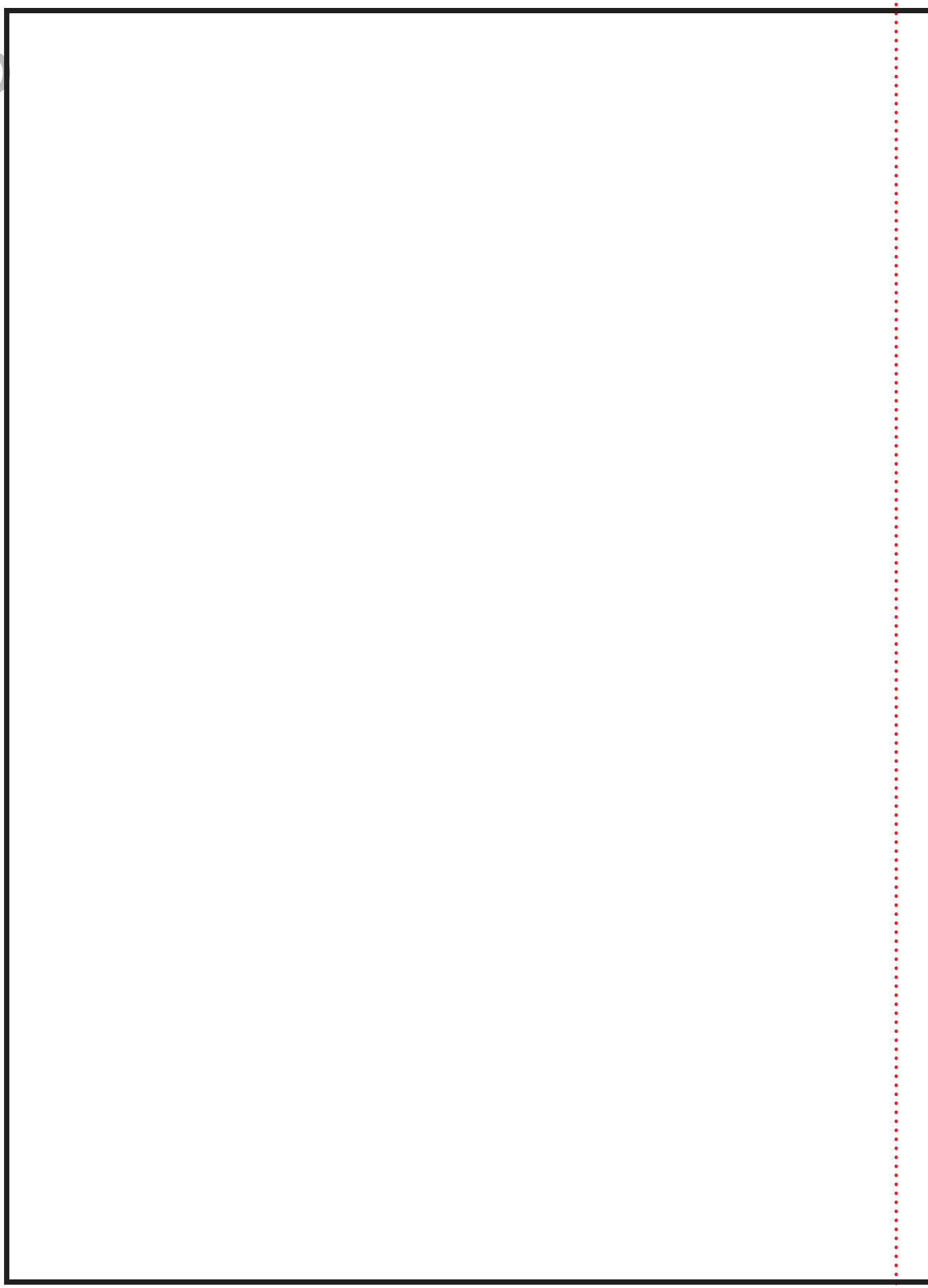

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Main Panel

Cut 1 Exterior

Cut 1 Interfacing

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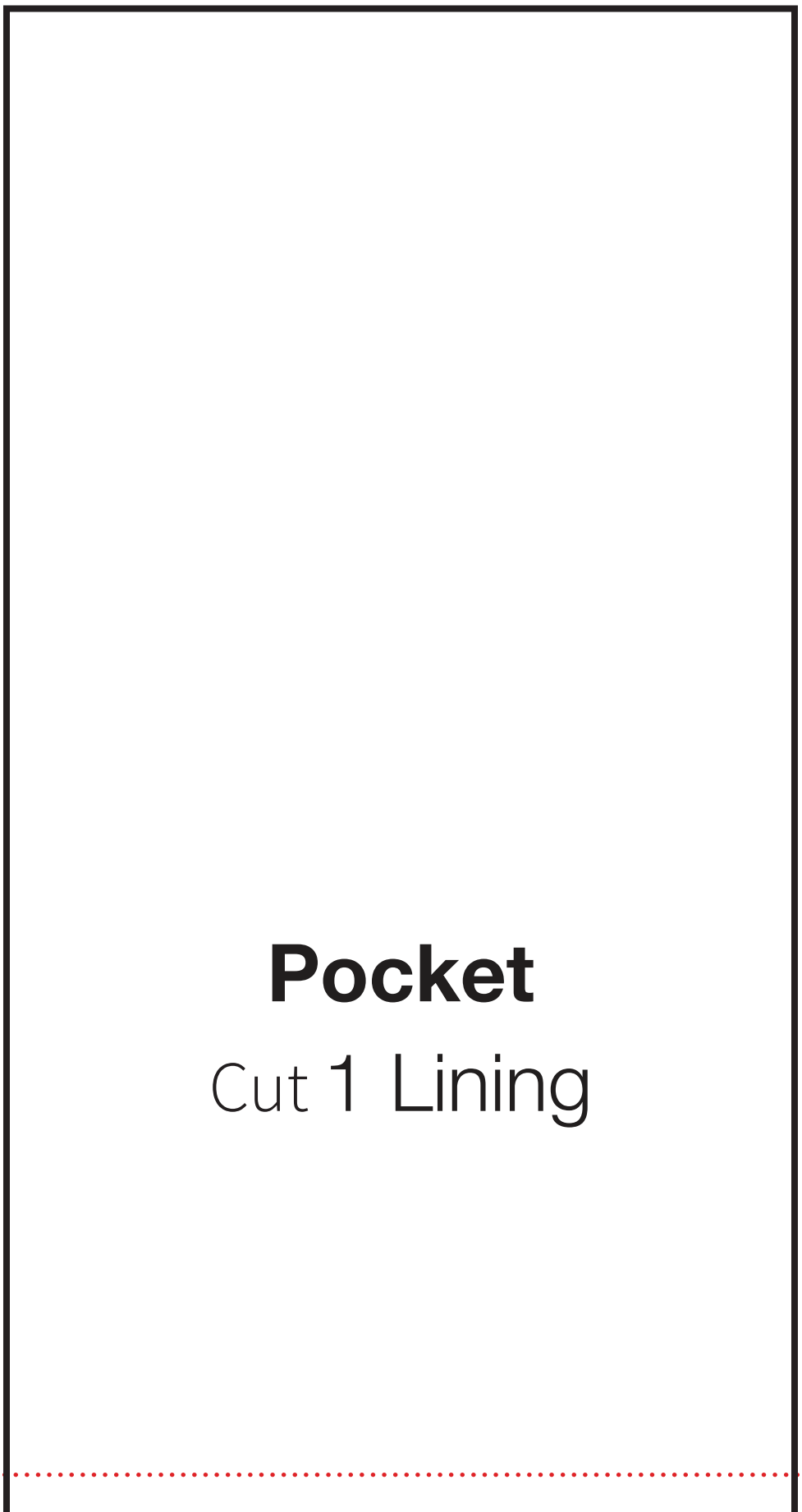

Pocket

Cut 1 Lining

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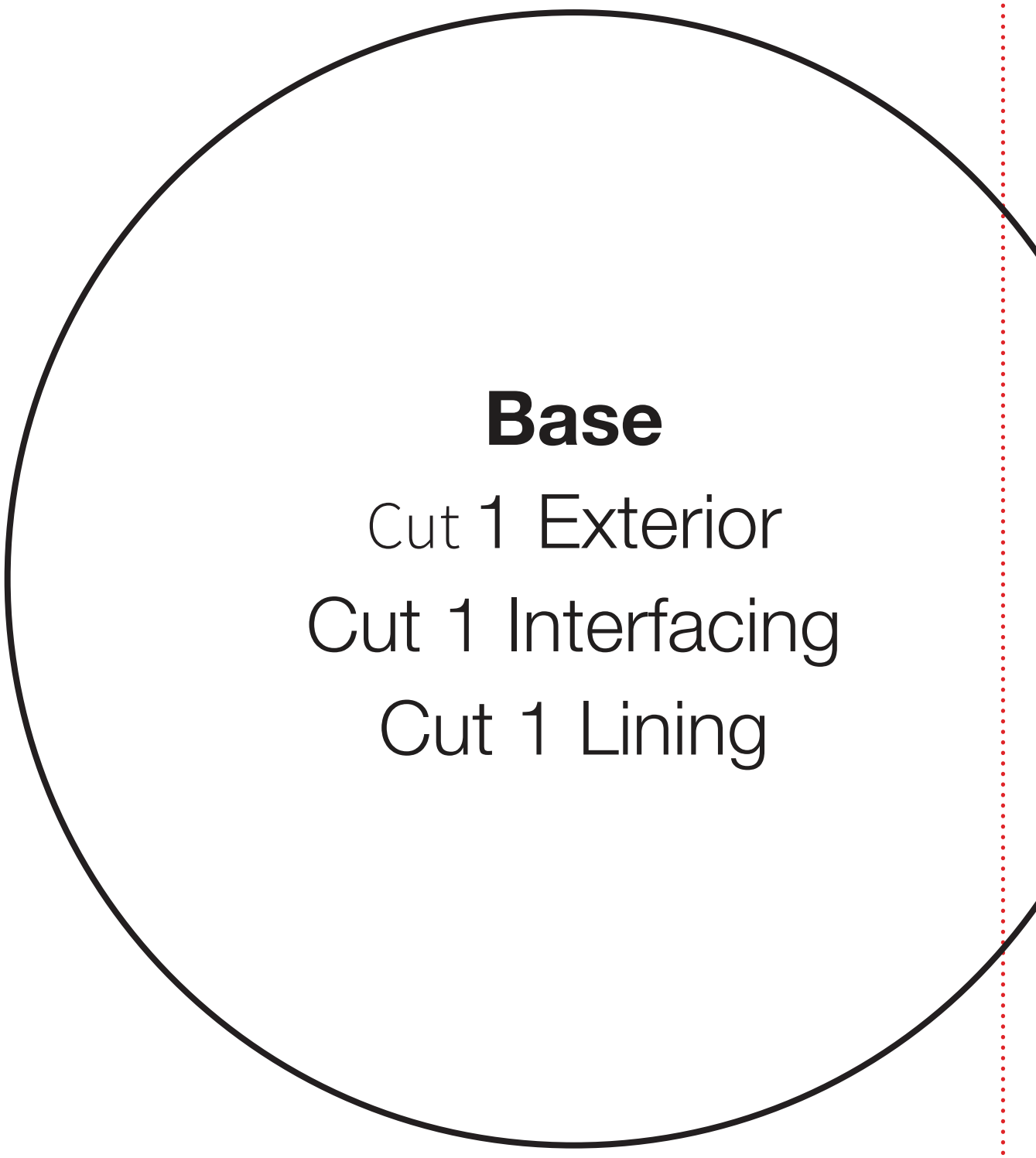

Base

Cut 1 Exterior

Cut 1 Interfacing

Cut 1 Lining

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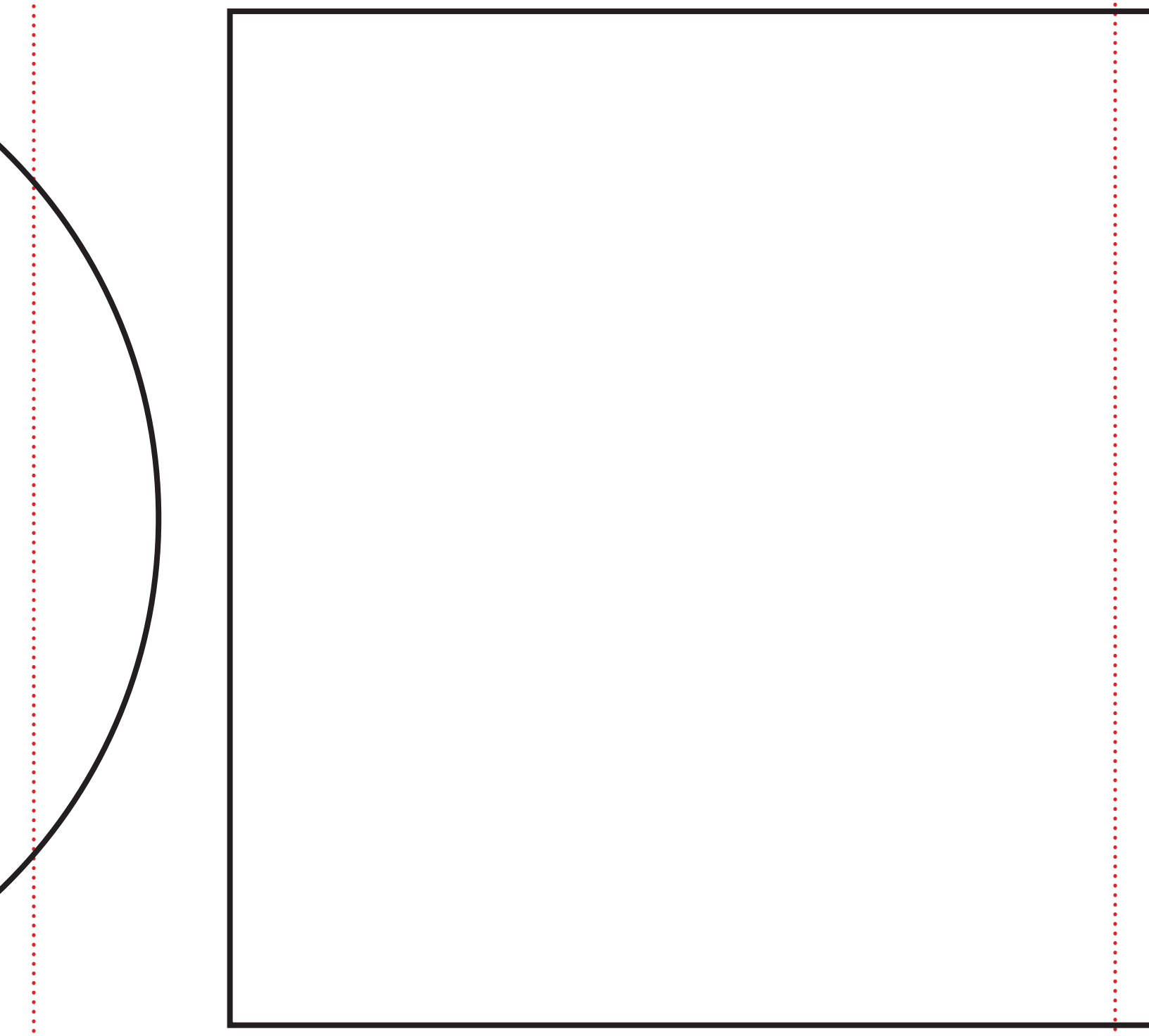

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Lining Main Panel

Cut 1 Lining

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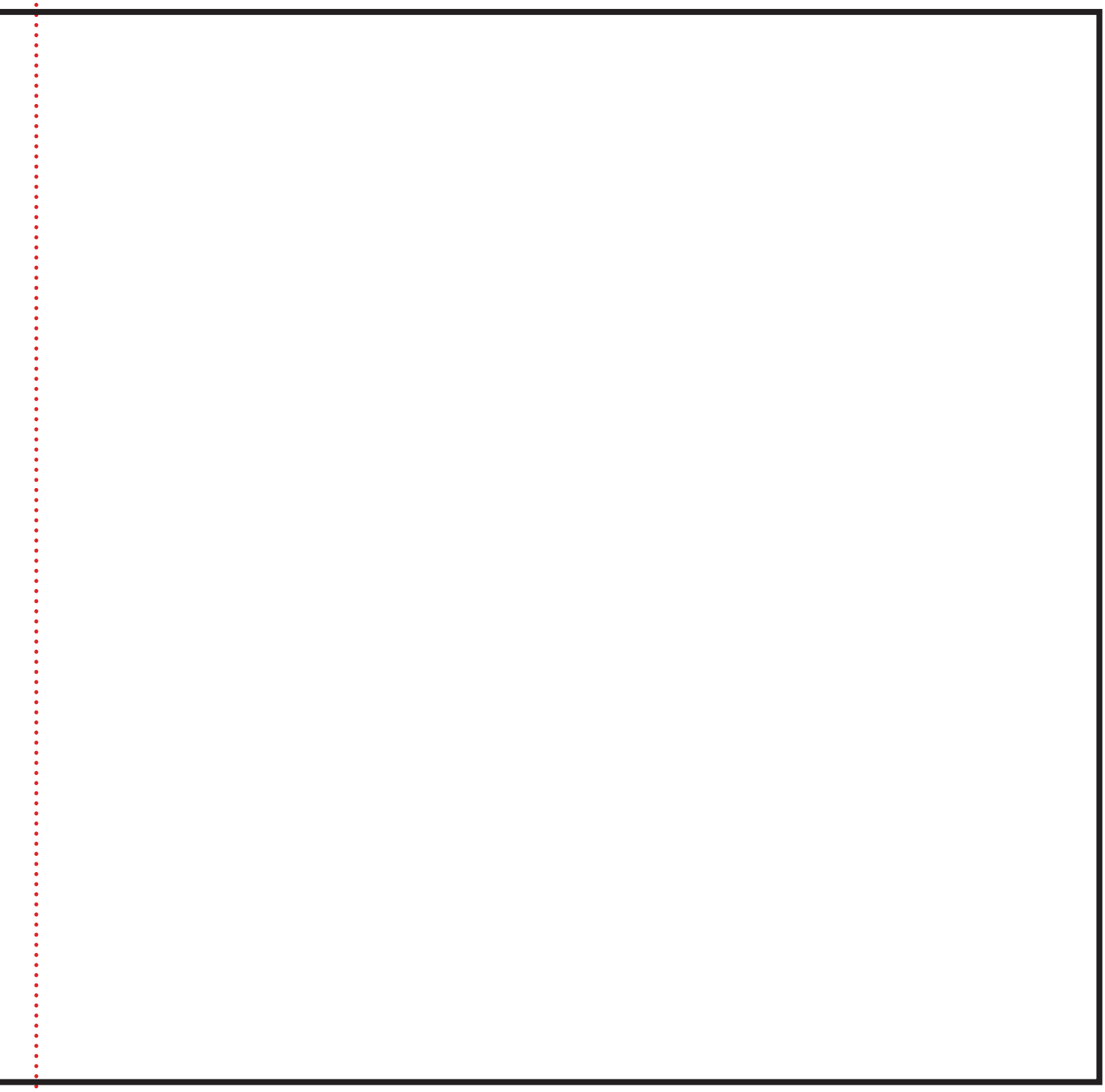
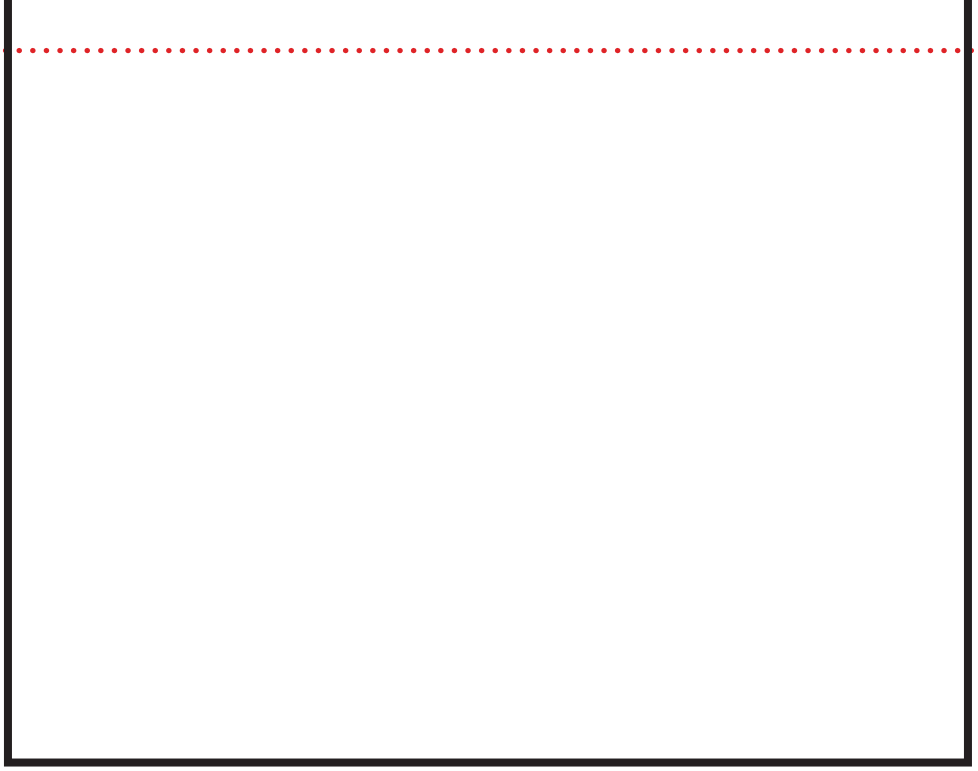
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